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AS THE EDITOR SEES IT

Much bad feeling has been created between the wets and the dries over the method of enforcing the federal prohibition law. It seems that in many cases prohibition agents have been forcibly entering homes and seizing such liquor as they could find. Now the courts in some cases are ruling that no agent can enter a man's home without due process of law, and much liquor illegally seized has been returned to its owners. Regardless of the merits of the wet and dry issue, a man's home is his castle and should be held sacred from invasion at the whim of any person on suspicion. There is a due process of law provided for the searching of a suspected house, and that law should be respected. To sanction otherwise would be to subject every home in the land to invasion by any thief or thug who saw fit to pin a bogus star to his vest.

When you see the wind blowing a dirty piece of paper along the street, do a little thinking. Many people are careless every day, or the rubbish of various kinds would not be littering our streets and our alleys and our byways from day to day. Carelessness breeds filth—filth breeds disease—disease leads to sickness and death. If every person would use more precaution in the matter of community sanitation we would have less sickness, longer life, and greater happiness. None of us may ever hope to be perfect, but we are all open to improvement in one way or another.

Four or five years ago the linen towel on which you wipe your hands would have cost you about 25 cents. In the old days you could wash yourself or brush your shoes with that towel without counting the cost. But now every time you use a towel you run up against the cost of living, for experts estimate that the old 25 cent towel of a few years ago is the \$1.25 towel of today. Fortunately, however, the price of water has not advanced.

Have you a desire to live to a ripe old age? It is possible to prolong your life eating a chunk of garlic every day. That is, provided your friends do not take the law of life into their own hands and bury you without waiting for the slight formality of death.

Yes, there are bright lights in the city by which you may guide your steps. And there are bright minds in the country which need no lights to guide them.

When the automobiles came into general use it was freely predicted that the horse would in time become practically extinct. This prediction will hardly come true, as there will always be a urgent need of horses on the farm. But it may be different with the street car. In Rockford, Ill., the citizens have tired of their poor street car service and decline to renew the franchise. Instead they are petitioning the state utilities commission for permission to operate motor bus lines in lieu of street cars, has been vacillating, and bus lines have sprung into existence and use without state sanction. They are said to be very satisfactory. In time it is possible the motor bus may drive the old street car out of business entirely. Busses are an excellent means of transportation especially in the smaller communities. The day may not be far away when we will see them operating in our own midst.

The mother who encourages her daughter to expose the charms of her neck, arms and back in order to catch a husband should think again—and more seriously. The average man will look at all he is permitted to see, but invariably he will turn to the girl of modesty and common sense when he seeks a wife. He doesn't care to share those charms with the public at large.

The world is old in wisdom and in wickedness, but a little goodness creeps in occasionally.

The census shows that Milwaukee has 457,147 inhabitants, some of whom are Americans.

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STOCK DIVIDENDS

A valued correspondent writes in to point out what he believes may be an error in our view of stock dividends. We have touched the matter up a few times, pointing out what we believe to be an injustice in the distribution of burdens of taxation, proven to our view by the sharp and extensive advances of certain issues that were deeply affected by the supreme court decision.

It is not the construction of stock dividends' legal status that is attacked, but the advantage such a construction undoubtedly gives certain large accumulations of wealth in the form of corporate assets. These, to our view, should be taxable, even if it were necessary to draw new laws to reach them.

We have fully understood that a "stock dividend" is a dividend paid in the form not of cash but of shares of the issuing company. To our narrow and un-legal mind, such dividends are as cash, and should be taxed.

The only circumstance to mitigate the injunctive of the matter might be found in a tendency of capital to loosen up and allow itself to be more widely and productively invested in view of the decision.

LADY WARWICK LIBERAL, WOULD ABOLISH ALL TITLES

Lady Frances Evelyn Warwick, Countess of Warwick a candidate for the Commons on a Labor ticket, advocates the abolition of titles in Great Britain. She is no new convert to this movement, being, perhaps, the first member of the British aristocracy to realize that purely artificial class distinctions are archaic, out of tune with modern thought and the democratic tendency of the times.

Titles in England at one time stood for achievement in politics in war or in some other field of activity, entirely separated from great wealth. As they are hereditary, the immediate holder might amount to little, but it was safe to say that the founder of the house had accomplished things.

It has not been so in recent years. Contributors to campaign funds, promoters of so-called welfare movement, patrons of charity were singled out and honored to such an extent that scandals in connection with the conferring of rank have not been uncommon.

Lady Warwick believes that the individual should stand upon his merits, and, while it is not likely that titles will be abolished in her time, the day will come when they will be dispensed with, not so much because they are merely ornamental, but also because they are utterly ridiculous.

PLAYING TO THE JUNKERS

The world has been watching Germany since the internal lid blew off and has been wondering what the final outcome will be—whether it will result in a stable and orderly government, or follow the lead of Russia and go over to bolshevistic rule. A lull in the storm does not necessarily mean an end to trouble—it may be only the prelude to more violent outbreak. Most people, however, are convinced that the vacillation of the allies in dealing with Germany is responsible for the present unrest. It has caused the old and arrogant military caste to believe that they can bluff the allies into quiescence in the event of their overthrowing the government, and they will never rest until they are again firmly seated in power. Candor, too, compels us to admit that they are not entirely without reason in so thinking. The end is nowhere in sight.

CENSUS FIGURES

Census figures are being made public in Washington, and incidentally some cities are doing a little crowing—cutting a dash—throwing on dog—because of their marvelous increase in population. But while there has been in many cases a healthy and legitimate increase, yet investigation shows that some of the "marvelous leaps" were caused by annexing outside territory. We have done a little increasing ourselves in the last ten years, but we do not care to humiliate our neighboring villages by annexing them to this thriving town. Instead, we are quite content to blaze the way and let our esteemed friends trail along behind.

A THINKING PEOPLE

We Americans have a great habit of finding fault with our public officials, in congress and elsewhere. If their official acts do not please us we are quick to pass censure, to say what we think. This is praiseworthy, for it indicates that we are a thinking people. But we do not say these things to the officials themselves, and that is not praiseworthy. It indicates that we prefer to sit back and growl rather than put the case directly up to the official concerned. It is an easy way of letting off steam, and accomplishes nothing but the ragging of our own dispositions. Our officials know this, and because they do know it they are frequently quiet indifferent to our views. When we talk with a big stick and smite with a broomstick, we aim at nothing and hit less. That's us.

CHARACTER OF PEOPLE

Have you ever studied the traits of character of people you know? If so you have been both amazed and puzzled at what you have discovered. For instance, you have noticed that some men are kind and gentle with their wives and yet give their dog a vicious kick upon the slightest provocation. Others are gentlemen and consideration itself to their dogs, but are gruff and brutal to their wives. A few you will find who are considerate of all people and all things—but only a few. Perhaps you are one of the exceptions.

TEDDY'S HAT

A leading suffragette smilingly assures us that some day a woman will sit in the presidential chair. Not a doubt of it. And in all of the days we have been burdened with such an animal as a president we'll wager that the wife of every one of them has surreptitiously deposited her avoirdupois in that same old over-worked chair. We even recall a time when a bunch of ladies at an official banquet were detected in the act of trying on Teddy's hat—and they enjoyed it, every one of them. So did Teddy.

SENATE CONTRIBUTES MORE THAN ITS SHARE TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

The United States Senate is sometimes called the most dignified deliberative body in the world. Its membership is presumably above the average, far above the average, in intelligence, and it certainly should be equal to the average in character and personal honor. Without reference to the most recent case, which still depends upon appeal and which it would be out of place to discuss one way or the other, we may say that this body which should be 100 per cent. pure has not lived up to its reputation during the last two decades. There have been three convictions of criminal conduct among its personnel, and one senator has been ousted for crooked practices in obtaining his election. The total of membership is less than a hundred and the ratio of scandal therefore more than 4 per cent.

There is scarcely another group of citizens in the Republic with such a record written on the adverse side of the ledger. The house of representatives, a much more numerous body, and presumably composed of individuals of less ability, shows a clean slate, and so down the list. A local trade union of 100 members with four criminal convictions within so short a period of time would be utterly discredited.

If there is no improvement in the situation men of a day not far distant will be willing to pay large sums of money, if necessary, to keep out of the senate, rather than large sums to obtain certificates of election.

BIG ISSUES WILL DOMINATE

Some politicians think that American people are going to decide the momentous political issues of the day by letting the "wet" and "dry" question determine the election. Not much! There are too many real big issues, and the American people are thinking chiefly of them.

MONEY SPENT BY DEMOCRATS

When you complain of high federal taxes, remember that it is the democratic administration that spends the money and that the administration resists every efforts of the republican congress to lop off needless expenditures.

When you speak a kind word to a child on one of our streets, it soon passes from your memory. But not so with the child. That kind word and others like them are remembered and treasured, and exert a beneficial influence in moulding the future character of that child. Big things grow from little beginnings, and we can do much to improve the future of our community by using kindness and friendliness in greeting the little ones when we meet them.

Our office devil asserted yesterday that it is quite easy to make money. All one has to do, he said, is to induce the other fellow to hand it over. And the impudent little cuss looked hard at us!

The town man who cultivates every inch of his garden space realizes a valuable dual crop from that ground—inexpensive food and an improvement in his constitutional development.

The ex-service men in the legislature at Albany have decided not to act as a unit; all of which goes to show that the ex-service men have common sense as well as "pep."

In looking around we can call to mind a number of excellent gentlemen who have not as yet shied their hats into the ring. But perhaps they are chary of the company they keep.

If we build enough ships and England doesn't build any, and congress appropriates enough money for it, then in four years we may have the greatest navy in the world.

No matter how indifferent a man may be toward his wife there is one time when she becomes his haven of refuge—when he wants to put his property in her name.

If you want to live in days of perpetual sunshine just convince the profiteers that every cloud has a silver lining. They'll reach up and pull 'em down.

France wants Germany disarmed and wants Uncle Sam to help do it. Having failed to disarm the Germans when they had Nothing doing for us.

Opportunity, once spurned, does not intrude itself a second time. the opportunity, they would now do it when they are impotent.

"Forget it" is the only comment President Wilson has to make upon George Washington's policy of Americanism.

Don't, however, get the idea that the whole world is going to pot. The pot isn't big enough to hold it.

Yes, it takes a mighty strong mirror to withstand the staring of same faces. But not yours—oh, no, not yours.

Spring, we would remind you, has one eye fully hatched and the other is beginning to pip.

The seamy side of life, it appears, has ceased to be merely a scam. It is a whale of a crack.

The wise man keeps his ear to the ground. The fool keeps it full of his own noise.

Strange, isn't it, how amiable the other fellow's wife always seems to some men?

And the balmy days of spring are deliciously balmy—when they are balmy.

What's happened to the "Reds" whom Mr. Palmer collected with so much "Presidential" publicity?

A Chicago doctor says crime is a disease. And he might have added that profiteering is epidemic.

COUGHRAN NOW GLAD HE DID NOT SUICIDE

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

A few days ago when Wilbur Coughran took it into his head to shuffle off the troubles of life by way of cutting the arteries in his arms with a dull knife, he perhaps thought he was serious about wanting to die. But, it has since developed that the matter was not that way, and that life, pain and ambition are realities to him. Dr. J. W. Osborn, when he was seeking to capture the deranged man and rescue him from himself, may have seemed like an enemy. However, the doctor who accompanied Coughran to the State Asylum for the Insane, says his charge, became quite chummy and thanked him for saving his life. He did not seem to regard him as the most dangerous of his assailants. He said if the doctor had not taken hold of him and disarmed him in a jiffy that "they," meaning the officers, would have cut him all to pieces.

So, it now happens that the unfortunate man is hoping for a complete return of his sanity and will have a kindly spot in his heart for the tall veterinarian.

Kay Copper Puts In Electric Line; Will Begin Operations

PHOENIX, April 5.—With the arrival here of M. V. Watson of the Arizona Power company of Prescott the contract for the electrical power for the Kay Copper company, near Mayer, was signed today by George W. Long, president of the Kay.

The new machinery for the Kay Copper company for the electrical installation has already been ordered and will be shipped to the property at an early date. The order for the compressor was placed with the Ingersoll-Rand company, while the new hoist was ordered from the Denver Engineering company.

The power company has the transformers and other equipment in stock and will make immediate shipment to the Kay property. With the arrival of the electrical equipment, the power will be connected up with the Fossil Creek line.

With the installation of the electrical equipment, speed will be the keynote of the operations of the Kay company. Greater headway will be made in the sinking of the new three-compartment shaft to the 1000-foot level at which time lateral work will be started to block out the ore bodies already opened up through the old working shaft and exposed through the diamond drilling.

Red Cross House Can Use Records For Any Phonograph

Have you any phonograph records, either Victor or Columbia, which you do not play any longer? Do you know that if you take them to the Red Cross Community house on North Marina street that the veterans of the World war who enjoy the hospitality of the local Red Cross while recovering from their disabilities incurred in service, will keep those records playing?

It is impossible for there to be too many records, and no matter how old they will be played, for there are many boys from all parts of the country, each having his preference. The record you might think too old, may be the one some fellow wants to hear. Leave them afterwards at the Red Cross house.

NEW YORKER HERE LOOKING OVER THE DAVIS SILVER MINE

(From Sunday's Daily.)

An inspection of silver properties under the management of A. W. Davis was completed yesterday by E. W. Hubbard, broker, and E. B. Sturgis, mining engineer of New York city, the party returning to the city.

Sturgis and Hubbard have spent over a week looking over the properties which are located in the Turkey Creek section, and it is inferred that the New Yorkers are to become interested. In fact, Hubbard is believed to be about ready to take up the development of the Davis property, in which event, preparations for considerable outlay of capital is to be expected.

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